



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Tetsunori FUJISAWA et al. : Docket No. 2000-0562A
Serial No. 09/581,402 : Group Art Unit 1655
Filed June 12, 2000 : Examiner J. Fredman

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 17, 2001, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-7, 12 and 13.

It is noted that this election is made by the Applicants while retaining their right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter with the protection afforded by 35 USC § 121.

Claims 8-11, 14 and 15, directed to non-elected subject matter, remain in the application. It is requested that they be permitted to remain in a dormant condition pending the filing of a divisional application.

With regard to the species election, Applicants elected the compound of Preparation Example 65.

The Examiner accordingly is requested to proceed with an examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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